



RESOLUTION ON ADVANCING HIGHER EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the relationship between higher education and good jobs is clear, and

WHEREAS, available jobs cannot be matched with people having the requisite knowledge and skills, and

WHEREAS, today's student population is more diverse than at any other time in our history, and

WHEREAS, nationally nearly one in four students, and four in 10 minority students, do not complete high school with their class, and

WHEREAS, the higher education attainment rate of adults in the United States is 38%, and

WHEREAS, the United States, which for generations led the world in college degree completion, now ranks 16th in the world in completion rates, and

WHEREAS, the nation needs 22 million students to earn post secondary credentials to meet the demands of the work force over the next decade,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NLGA encourages states to support school districts to increase high school graduation rates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NLGA supports and encourages state specific initiatives to increase college and career readiness and the rate of college and technical college-going from high school.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NLGA encourages state initiatives to increase post-secondary credential attainment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NLGA advocates for strong partnerships among school districts, institutions of higher education, and employers to increase the capacity of education systems to satisfy the needs of a 21st Century workforce.

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